

LAND IN NEW RESERVES

Provision Not Made for Location of Certain Sections.

EQUITY IS UNQUESTIONED.

Oregon Has 16,221,268 Acres Within Reserve Areas.—Lack of Survey Prevents Exchange of Sections for Land Outside Reserves.

Millions of acres belonging to Western States, being lands granted to the states by the Federal Government for school purposes, are today tied up in forest reserves, where they are unavailable, unsalable, and virtually useless so far as the states are concerned, says a Washington dispatch to The Oregonian.

Title to many of these school sections in forest reserves has never passed to the states, though the equity exists, and until the reserves are surveyed there is no way, under existing law, whereby the states can reap any benefit from their extensive property rights within forest reserves.

Congress granted to the various public land states sections 16 and 36 in every township, with the understanding that the state would dispose of these lands and apply the money so raised to the establishment and maintenance of public schools and other educational institutions. It never was the idea that the lands could be held by the general government indefinitely, but that they would be patented to the states as fast as required.

When vast forest reserves were created, millions of acres of school sections were embraced in those reserves, and now form a part of them. Approximately one-eighth of the forest reserve area of every state by rights belongs to the state, for one-eighth of the reserve area consists of school sections, to which the Federal Government has no equitable ownership, in light of its grant to the states. It is true that to some extent the states have relinquished title to school sections within forest reserves, and made lieu sections elsewhere, but this practice has been brought practically to a standstill under a ruling of the Interior Department, which is sustained by the Department of Justice.

It is held by these departments that a state cannot exchange its school lands inside a forest reserve for lands outside unless the school sections have been surveyed. In other words, unsurveyed school sections in a forest reserve, according to the holdings of the departments, do not form valid base for lieu selections. The effect of this is manifest. States that have vast areas of unsurveyed school lands in forest reserves have virtually nothing—nothing on which they can realize. They do not even have title to the lands themselves, because they are unsurveyed, and the Government does not patent unsurveyed lands to anyone. Yet the right of the states is admitted, their equity is established, and they would be able to get title to or make exchange for some of this land if the surveys were made. The extent of this tie-up is appreciated when it is known that in Oregon alone there is 16,221,268 acres in reserve, and 900,000 acres of school land. In Washington the area is less.

School lands of such character as those embraced in forest reserves of the West are today worth a good many dollars. The states, most of them, have use for the money that could be derived from the sale of such lands, and not a state on the list but would be able to realize several million dollars if it could obtain title to its school sections in reserves, or lands of like character and value outside of reserves.

It is this situation that has moved several Western representatives to introduce correct bills. Representative Hawley, of Oregon, introduced a special bill giving the state of Oregon the right to relinquish to the Federal Government all title or claim to its school sections in reserves, in exchange for which the state is to be permitted to make lieu selection of an equal area of unsurveyed lands of similar character and equal value, and to dispose of the same as it sees fit. His bill also requires the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain the amount of such lands to which the State of Oregon is entitled, something that is not now known.

Attend Eugene-Salem Debate.

The two winning teams of the Cottage Grove high school went to Eugene Friday evening to take in the Eugene-Salem debate. The teams are Ben King, Allie Phillips and Myrtle Kem of the negative, and Misses Gladys Farley, Myrtle DeSpain and Arnold Sutcliffe of the affirmative. They were accompanied by Alta King, and Ruth Mabel Rosenberg, Mabel Veatch, Mabel Woodard and Mamie Kime.

Noted Evangelists Coming.

Whiston and Longman, evangelists with headquarters at Bethany, Nebraska, accompanied by Mrs. Whiston, an accomplished musician and personal

worker, will begin a series of meetings at the Christian church about the fifteenth of April and continue for at least one month. They have held a number of successful meetings in the west. As a soloist and chorus leader Mr. Longman last summer had charge of the large chorus at the state convention of the Christian churches of Oregon. Mr. Whiston was given the place of honor on the program and his sermon was highly pleasing to the two thousand or more people who heard him. The campaign being planned for here will be the largest and most thorough of any similar campaign ever undertaken in Cottage Grove.

MANY MINOR MATTERS.

Mrs. Horace Hampton, formerly of Baker City, and daughters, Miss Lucille and Gladys, visited at the home of G. H. Tyson Friday and Saturday.

A. L. Woodard was a county seat visitor on Friday.

Roy Foster of Lorane was in Cottage Grove on Saturday. Mr. Foster and his brother Martin have three tracts of land in the Lorane valley, and are among the prosperous ranchers of that locality.

Mr. Frank Jordan got out again on Saturday after a fortnight's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Samuel of Dayton, Washington, left Cottage Grove on Monday, after having visited their daughter, Mrs. Ingram, for several days.

Albert A. Hull, son of John Hull, is attending commercial college in Portland. He was accompanied there by his father.

Alice Richmond has transferred to R. E. Griswold lot 1 in block 4, third addition to Cottage Grove; consideration \$600.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stanard of Brownsville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Westbrook over Sunday.

Mrs. David Griggs was a recent Portland visitor. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. I. H. Bingham of Eugene.

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ANOTHER BLOCK IN SIGHT.

Lawson and Veatch or Masons May Erect Handsome Structure.

Messrs. Lawson and Veatch are preparing plans for a commodious brick structure on their Main street property west of the Bank of Cottage Grove. They have not decided definitely whether they will build or not. Some time ago the Masonic lodge had this site in view with the idea of erecting a building, but as there were some legal entanglements the project was abandoned. These obstacles have now been removed, and if Messrs. Lawson and Veatch do not conclude to rear a structure on the property the Masons may again take the matter up.

Real Estate Transfers.

D. C. Baughman has transferred to R. M. Veatch 36x150 feet in section 22, township 20 s, R. 3w.; consideration \$150.

A. S. Powell has transferred to Alonzo W. Shortridge an undivided half interest in lots 5 and 6 in block 1; also lot 5 in block 2, in Cooper & Randall's addition.

L. B. Rolston has transferred lot 3 in block 2, Perkins' addition, to F. C. Ralston.

Lot 8 in block 4, Cooper & Randall's addition, has been transferred by W. B. Copper to A. W. Shortridge; consideration \$125.

H. L. Bown has transferred to E. O. Potter lot 4 in block 9, L. & L. addition.

Plans a Big Reunion.

G. W. McReynolds of Divide, who is president of the Lane County Veterans' association, was in Cottage Grove on Saturday, and to a representative of The Sentinel said extensive preparations would be made for the reunion to be held in this city next fall, and that he confidently expected to have an attendance of not less than two hundred. At least one prominent speaker will be here to deliver an address to the old soldiers.

Mr. McReynolds has resided at Divide for twenty-eight years. He has 400 acres of land there, the greater part of which is cleared, and in hay. He has over 300 head of sheep and goats, and about fifty head of cattle and horses.

Prepare for Road Work.

County Commissioners in session last Friday closed a contract for another large rock crusher, to be delivered by April 1, and to cost \$1800. The board also purchased a seven-ton roadroller at a cost of \$1500. There will be an unusual amount of road improvement throughout Lane county this year.

Bingham Buys a Farm.

Senator I. H. Bingham, formerly a resident of this city, has bought the James Dinsmore farm, consisting of 92 acres, near Irving, paying \$10,000 therefor.

HEAVY DAMAGES ASKED

Two Suits Instituted Against Oregon & Southeastern.

FROST AND HALL INJURED

Both Allege Permanent Injuries as Result of Accident June 5 Last—Aggregate Damages Demanded Forty-five Thousand.

Two suits for damages, aggregating \$45,000, have been instituted in the circuit court for this county against the Oregon & Southeastern Railroad company, whose headquarters are in Cottage Grove. Both cases are the result of the accident which occurred on June 5, 1909, when a bridge in the Row river valley gave way. W. B. Frost, one of the complainants, who went down with the car through the bridge, asks \$20,000 damages for a broken leg and other serious injuries which he received about the body, which he says permanently disable him. He is a timber inspector and bought a ticket at Wildwood to ride to Cottage Grove on that day and claims that the defendant company willfully and negligently refused to keep said bridge in repair, when they knew it was in a dangerous condition.

The other case is that of F. M. Hall, a lumber and timber dealer, who recites practically the same story in regard to the negligence of the company in not keeping the bridge in repair. He asks \$25,000 as damage for a leg broken in several places and other serious injuries which have permanently disabled him.

HARRISON IS FINED.

Assessed \$20 for Assaulting School Teacher at Divide.

George Harrison of Divide was arraigned before a magistrate on Saturday and assessed \$20 on the charge of assault and battery, the complainant being A. P. Gardiner, school teacher at that place. Constable Plank took the prisoner to the county seat for examination. He pleaded guilty. He admitted whipping the school teacher, but claims some justification on account of his fifteen-year-old daughter having been whipped until there were marks on her shoulders for not wanting to be placed in a lower grade, much to her embarrassment. He also admits he acted indiscreetly in thrashing the teacher in the way he did, but pleaded great provocation.

The assault took place at Divide a fortnight since. When the Roseburg local arrived at Divide, Gardiner stepped off and was attacked by Harrison, who knocked the schoolmaster to the ground and pummeled him. Gardiner sustained a broken nose, and other injuries, rendering him unable to hold school for a week.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

County Court Makes Appointments for the Ensuing Year.

The county court has made the following appointments of road supervisors for Southern Lane county: Chas. Sharen, Seginaw; W. S. Chrisman, Dorena; Henry C. Combs, London; Geo. W. Kerr, Wildwood; H. A. Howe, Creswell; Geo. Hawley, Creswell; H. B. McBee, Lorane; S. D. Campbell, Walker; W. B. Hawley, Lorane; F. J. Hard Bohemia; C. Schneider, Lorane; J. B. Tapp and B. Patten, Cottage Grove; A. D. Hileman, Lorane; Otto Moron, Creswell; Fred Wright, Walker.

Roney Has Hard Time.

L. N. Roney is having a difficult time getting the bridge built on Sharp's Creek above Cottage Grove, says The Register. He did not get the help he expected and was compelled to do two men's work himself. The lumber was covered with snow and sleet and had to be loosened up with a sledge. While working on the false work Nels fell off into the icy water up to his neck and had a hard time getting "dried out."

Spencer Wins In Debate.

The third annual intercollegiate debate between Oregon and Utah, held at the state university last Friday night, was unanimously awarded to Oregon. C. E. Spencer of this city and Percy Collier of Eugene represented the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That all corporations engaged in interstate business should be required to incorporate under federal law."

Eastern Star Banquet.

The Eastern Star installed officers last Friday night, after which a splendid banquet was participated in by about fifty members. Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips of the country were admitted to membership.

Spraying Well Under Way.

Fruit-growers are spraying their trees. Many orchards which have been allowed to go without attention will be thoroughly sprayed within the next few weeks. Moreover, there is every indication that the negligence of past years in the matter of caring for or-

chards is practically at an end in Lane county. Lane county can raise as many and as good apples as any other section of the state. There is more activity at this time in the matter of development of fruit culture in Lane county than ever before.

HIGH-CLASS ENTERTAINMENT.

Clare Vaughn Wales Company Booked for January 26.

The Clare Vaughn Wales Company will appear at the Armory in this city on the evening of January 26, under the auspices of the Cottage Grove Lyceum Course, and will undoubtedly attract a large audience. The management makes the following announcement:

"After the seventh season of unprecedented success at the head of her own company, Clare Vaughn Wales may be safely said to be one of the established leading lyceum attractions of the country today. Equipped with a natural talent, charm of manner, unusual versatility and magnetic personality, Mrs. Wales has long since demonstrated her fitness to lead this aggregation of superior artists and has more than sustained the difficult standard set for her. Perhaps the secret of her popularity lies in the fact that she has studied the public and is wise enough to introduce into her programs only that which people care for and enjoy. To entertain and amuse and instruct, but also to speak the word which shall uplift and cheer and help, is her endeavor. For Mrs. Wales and her excellent company the season just ended has been one gigantic success. This company enjoys the distinction of being one of the very few of whom not one adverse criticism has been offered this season so far as the management has been able to discover. In addition to the high-class program of readings and music, Mrs. Wales has produced, as a closing number, a one-act comedy, with most flattering success. These comedies will form a strong feature of a delightful program the coming season, and will furnish just the element of 'something new' so much desired by committees, and not to be furnished by any other company of its kind. The high standard of excellence will be maintained and patrons may be assured of perfect satisfaction in all programs, whether with or without the comedy."

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane county.—Dora E. Cutbirth, Plaintiff, vs. Wm. V. Cutbirth, Defendant.

To Wm. V. Cutbirth, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon:

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer as herein required, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to said Court for the relief demanded in her complaint, which is for a decree of said Court, forever dissolving the marriage contract existing between plaintiff and defendant above named.

This summons is published once a week for six successive weeks in The Cottage Grove Sentinel, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Lane County, State of Oregon, published at Cottage Grove, in said County and State, by order of Hon. L. T. Harris, Judge of the above entitled Court, made on the 14th day of January 1910.

The first publication of this summons is on the 14th day of January 1910, and the last publication on the 11th day of February 1910.

J. C. JOHNSON,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To E. J. Stuart: You are hereby notified that we, the undersigned, have expended One Hundred Dollars in labor and improvements on each, the "Bear" and "Moose" Lode Mining Claims, situated in the Bohemia Mining District, Lane County, Oregon, being \$200.00 in all, notices of location of which said mining claims are respectively recorded at Page 579, in Book 6, of the Mining Record in and for said County, and State, reference to which said notices and record, is hereby made for more particular and definite descriptions of said mining claims, as will appear by affidavit in the office of the County Clerk of said County, in order to hold said premises under the provision of Section 2324 Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the said Mining Claims for the year ending December 31st, 1910. And if within Ninety days after the first publication of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in said Mining Claims will become the property of the subscribers under said Section 2324. This Notice is published for the first time in The Cottage Grove Sentinel, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, on the 7th day of January, 1910.

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The Peoria, Ill. Herald Says:

The appearance of the Clare Vaughn Wales Company at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last evening marked one of the most successful Star Concerts of the present season. Although Mrs. Wales is supported by an excellent company, the chief interest in the program last evening centered in her recitations. Mrs. Wales has a fine voice, a splendid stage presence and dramatic ability.

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